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GENEVA FOR US DEL LOW-ALDRICH FROM US DEL ANTARCTICA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: XV, TGEN
SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: MARCH PREPARATORY MEETING:
POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

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REF: (A) STATE 55057; (B) STATE 52403

1. PREPARATORY MEETING FOR NINTH ANTARCTIC TREATY
CONSULTATIVE MEETING CONVENED AFTERNOON MARCH 14 WITHOUT
REPEAT WITHOUT PRESENCE OF POLISH REPRESENTATIVE.
2. DURING MORNING OF MARCH 14, REPS OF THE TWELVE CON-

SULTATIVE PARTIES ENGAGED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
"THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS." NO REP QUESTIONED SER-
IOUSLY WHETHER POLISH ACTIVITIES SATISFY TREATY CRITERIA,
THOUGH CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICAN REPS MADE CLEAR THAT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTICE OF POLISH
ACTIVITIES AND COULD MAKE NO DECISIONS AT THIS TIME.
DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON PROCEDURES THAT SHOULD BE UTILIZED
AND NEED FOR A GOOD PRECEDENT LOOKING TOWARD OTHER NEW
CONSULTATIVE PARTIES. ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN REPS EMPHA-
SIZED NEED FOR A RECOMMENDATION AT A CONSULTATIVE MEET-
ING TO BE APPROVED BY GOVERNMENTS, WITH CHILEAN REP
RAISING POSSIBILITY OF EXTRAORDINARY CONSULTATIVE MEET-
ING TO DO SO BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER MEETING. SOVIET
REP INSISTED ON RIGHT OF POLAND TO PARTICIPATE BY VIRTUE
OF THE TREATY ITSELF. FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND AND U.S.
REPS LOOKED FOR LESS FORMAL WAY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS
RECOGNITION OF POLISH RIGHT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS
PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST. SOUTH AFRICA AND
AUSTRALIA PROPOSED FORMING A CONSENSUS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS BEHIND AN INVITATION FOR POLAND TO ATTEND THE
NINTH MEETING. NO RESOLUTION OF PROCEDURAL QUESTION WAS
REACHED AND MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER IN THE WEEK
IN ANOTHER INFORMAL "NON-MEETING."

3. COMMENT: SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG WITH CONVEN-
ING PREPARATORY MEETING WITHOUT POLISH PRESENCE WAS
PROBABLY DUE TO FACT THAT CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT
REPEAT NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ANY KIND
FROM POLAND, AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE
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ANY STEPS TOWARD RECOGNITION OF POLISH CONSULTATIVE
STATUS. CHILE, IN PARTICULAR, WAS QUITE UPSET THAT
ARGENTINA AND THE UK RECEIVED NOTICE BEFORE THEY DID,
PARTLY BECAUSE POLISH STATION IS IN CHILEAN-CLAIMED
SECTOR WHERE IT OVERLAPS WITH OTHER CLAIMS. MOTIVATION
OF ARGENTINE POSITION IS UNCLEAR, BUT MAY REFLECT PER-
CEIVED NEED TO TAKE A FORMAL ACT AS AN EXERCISE OF
CLAIMED SOVEREIGNTY TO ADMIT A NEW CONSULTATIVE PARTY.
END COMMENT.

4. POSTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS
OF ABOVE.

5. FOR BUENOS AIRES: US DEL IN LONDON HAS NOT REPEAT
NOT RECEIVED REPORT FROM EMBASSY ON DEMARCHE REQUESTED
LAST WEEK. DEL FINDS IT AWKWARD TO SPEAK TO ARGENTINES
AS A CONSEQUENCE. REQUEST REPORT ASAP.

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